

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1758 - SB 1770

March 4, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes 20 weeks of pregnancy, in addition to viability of the fetus, as the time up to which an abortion can be legally performed, if it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother. Expands current exception to include time after 20 weeks, but only when certain circumstances have been met, and it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-15-201 prohibits a person from performing an abortion unless an exception applies.
- It is an exception that the abortion is conducted during viability of the fetus and the abortion is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother.
- The bill would make this exception applicable to abortions conducted “after twenty weeks of pregnancy or during viability of the fetus”.
- Criminal abortion is a Class C felony.
- It is assumed that the bill will not significantly impact state incarceration costs.
- The Department of Correction confirms that the bill will not significantly impact state incarceration costs.
- It is assumed that the bill will not significantly impact the caseloads of the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference confirm that any impact can be accommodated within their existing resources.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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